

**Minutes of NZMPTA Council Meeting
5th October 2017 @ 10.30am
WMS, Horotiu, Hamilton**



Present:, Michael Meyer, Simon Fletcher, Barry Miller, Brain Ebert, Brett MacDougall, Kevin Warner, Craig Burrows, Paul Dixon, Gary Reilly & Maria Scott.

Apologies: Andy Geissmann

Minutes of Previous Meeting: Accepted as a true and correct record.

Matters Arising from Previous Minutes: Liner Selection online course material now complete and ready will be tested by Member.

Financial Statement: presented and accepted. Approx. combined net position \$95,072.

Accounts for Payment: Accounts previously paid and to be paid were tabled and approved.

New Members: Dairy Solutions 2007 Ltd, Takaka. Deosan Manufacturing Ltd, Waharoa

Practising Certificate Approvals: Alex Jurica, Stocker Dairy Services. Deeze McCormick, Rural Supplies Pukekohe. Shayne Perriam, Milk Tech South. Phil Shields, Dairy & Pumps Gore. Elden Kaka, Dairy Essentials. Gavin Chetwin, Independent Milking Machine Services. Joe Thackham, Qubik Putaruru. Phil Terry, Southland Farm Services. Ben Callahan, Progressive Engineering. Richard Washington, Farm Supplies Central. Aaron Carston, Ordish & Stevens - Approved

TTC Report: Deosan have requested 2 Milk Quality courses with 6 pax on each in North & South Islands. November Testing course is full and second Testing course put on is also full which is a positive sign, however, six other courses in September & October have been cancelled as only 1 registration received on each one. Course dates for 2018 will be set this month.

Apprenticeship Update: One new apprentice signed up from Qubik Putaruru and two others in pipeline. Expiring Unit Standards 22873 & 22874 for Small Drinking Water Supplies have been replaced with similar units 29965 & 29996 which we can easily be incorporated into our existing training.

Plumbers Act Review: M Scott, M Meyer & B MacDougall meet with PGDB on 12/09/17 to discuss restrictions of the Act around Sanitary Plumbing. Martin Sawyer, the PGDB Registrar, was sympathetic to our situation and has suggested they may need to look at a licencing class for us but this may be difficult to get past industry. He has requested another meeting with 2 or 3 of our Members that are plumbers on 30/10/17 prior to the next PGDB Board meeting on 31/10/17. Approach could be to provide them with the specific changes to the Act that we want that would allow us to operate. E.O to co-ordinate meeting for 30/10/17.

ISO Testing: Industry support has been received from DITAG **and** Federated Farmers which strengthens our case for funding. An application p\$175,000 has been made to Sustainable Farming Fund (SFF) to complete the project. Outcome won't be known until December 2017. E.O. to also approach other avenues for funding now support and Business Case are available.

Amendments to Machine Testing methods: QCONZ are working through the changes to VSD testing that we have made.

Milking Machine Testing Standards: Have been updated with new specs from GEA, Skellerup & Pompe Travaini. Once changes to VSD testing have been added a new print run will be done for participants on Machine Testing course.

Tester Ross Gibbison: Despite numerous opportunities and requests for Ross to send in a further six tests for marking he has declined to do so and has requested a refund of his machine testing course fee. Council have requested E.O. to go back to Ross, addressing some points he has raised in numerous emails to us, reiterate to him that we are still agreeable to him submitting six correct tests for marking to have his Practising Certificate issued and to ask Ross how he sees himself being able to close the gap between his current level of competency and how he can achieve the required standard of completing the reports satisfactorily.

Requirement for pulsation data: B Ebert raised the point of why a tester needs to send in 20% of their pulsation data for each machine test sent for marking. Decision made that 100% of pulsation data should be submitted for each test sent for marking.

Standards for pulsation line leaks: Are our allowances for pulsator consumption, ACRs, pulsator airline, regulator leaks etc too low? Many tests are failing because of the lack of tolerance with the standards. C Burrows to pen communication to send to QCONZ & OEMs for their feedback to look to increase tolerances.

H & S: Recently the facilitators on the Machine Testing course have been demonstrating how to measure the rpms of a pump but not getting the participants to do it themselves because of a possible safety risk with the trainee having their hands in and around the vacuum pump drive shaft and belts. However, we have had a complaint from a Member that this is not being taught on the testing course but is something the tester must know how to do, and do it safely. Council agreed that, in the interest of safety, we should stick with the safest scenario which is for the course facilitators to demonstrate and explain the practice. A Hazard Identification Form has been completed.

Electrical Options: M Scott & K Warner meet with EWRB in Hamilton on 6/9/17 hoping to get their suggestions for us to develop an approved Class of Registration pathway as discussed in our prior meeting with them on 21/06/17. Unfortunately, they advised that they do not see a Class of Registration for our industry as a viable option and that the only way to get our Members working under their legislation is for them to employ a registered electrician who can do the electrical work and supervise trainees, or for our Members to operate under an Employer's Licence.

Stray Voltage Testing: Maurice Coates is in full swing proto-typing & testing the new stray voltage Signal Conditioner. It will test between any two points in a shed and will accept whatever signal is present. The unit will be attached to a multimeter and will be able to test in excess of 100 MHz and have it's own internal conditioning to amalgamate data & calculate energy signals and convert to a signal that a multimeter can read giving an accurate & repeatable reading on voltage present. The new unit will be available in 2018. E.O. to request estimated cost for revised design.

Donated gear to training centre: Sondex have supplied a new dual bank plate cooler for use at the training centre and some content around this will be used in the Cleaning Evaluation & Milk Delivery course. Waikato Milking Systems have supplied some new

clusters, pulsators, regulators, jettors & ACRs to upgrade the Waikato machinery. Letters of thanks have been sent

Laptop: The existing laptop used by the Executive Officer is over six years old and has been faulting over past couple of months. It has been serviced but still presenting same fault. Council have approved the purchase of a new laptop. Existing laptop could be used at training centre as DVD reader for Testing Course DVD content.

Meeting concluded: 2.45pm

Next meeting date: tbc in Palmerston North

Signed

President.